



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

Endangered Species

Applicant: Lionshare Farm Zoological, LLC, Greenwich, CT; PRT-60662B

The applicant requests a permit to import one female and one male cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus jubatus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: San Diego Zoo Global, San Diego, CA; PRT-70167B

The applicant requests a permit to biological samples from any endangered or threatened species for the purpose of scientific research, including but not limited to, phylogenetic, reproductive physiology, disease transmission, and applied animal ecology. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Frank Buck Zoo, Gainesville, TX; PRT-06588B

The applicant requests a renewal and amendment to their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: For Renewal: ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), cotton-top tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), and radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*). For Amendment to Add: Jackass penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Antonin Dvorak, Williamsville, NY; PRT-050667

The applicant requests a renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jerry Motta, Bushnell, FL; PRT-28014A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: For Renewal: African slender-snouted crocodile (*Crocodylus cataphractus*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus*

rhombifer), Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*), saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), Yacare caiman (*Caiman yacare*), common caiman (*Caiman crocodilus crocodilus*), Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila*), Grand Cayman blue iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), and radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Hurricane Aviaries, Inc. Loxahatchee, FL; PRT-48384B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Monty Davis, Cypress, TX; PRT-68842B

Applicant: Kyle Witwer, Fort Wayne, IN; PRT-69019B

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